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SUBJECT: CASE OF TSENG CH'ENG-CHIN (2582/2052/6855)

REF: (A) TAIPEI 2499, (B) STATE 98754, (C) TAIPEI 2993

1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON TSENG'S LAWYER, YUAN YUEH-MIN (7086/4766/3046) ON JUNE 2. (FYI LAWYER YUAN HAS MOVED TO A NEW ADDRESS, I.E.: FOURTH FLOOR, WEST STATION BUILDING, NO. 215 CHUNG HISAO WEST ROAD, SECTION 1, TAIPEI, TELEPHONE 314-2855).

2. YUAN SAID THAT TSENG'S CASE HAS NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN DECIDED, ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTS A JUDGMENT THIS MONTH OR NEXT. AFTER SENTENCING (WHICH COMES ONE WEEK AFTER THE JUDGMENT), THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR APPEAL. ACCORDING TO YUAN, THE PROSECUTION HAS FOUR MEN WHO WERE "COMMUNIST SPIES" AND WHO HAVE TESTIFIED THAT TSENG WAS A MEMBER OF A COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION. IF CONVICTED OF THIS, THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE IS DEATH. HOWEVER, YUAN BELIEVES THAT BECAUSE OF TSENG'S DEMONSTRABLY LOW INTEREST IN POLITICS, IT IS LIKELY THAT HE WILL GET A LESSER SENTENCE. YUAN IS CLEARLY NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT TSENG WILL BE FOUND INNOCENT.

3. TSENG HAS BEEN INCARCERATED IN A DETENTION CENTER

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IN TAIPEI SINCE HIS ARREST DECEMBER 2, 1976. ACCORDING TO YUAN, THERE ARE REGULAR VISITING HOURS AND TSENG'S WIFE HAS FREQUENT ACCESS TO HIM AND IS ALLOWED TO SEND FOOD. TSENG'S HEALTH IS REPORTEDLY GOOD.
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